

lawful reasonable Let or Impediment to the contrary, that then the Party or Parties so making Default, shall forfeit and lose, for every such Offence, Ten Pounds *Sterling*, and to yield to the Party grieved such further Recompense, as by the Direction of the Judge of that Court, out of which the said Process shall be awarded, according to the Loss and Hindrance that the Party which procured the said Process, shall sustain by reason of the Non-appearance of the said Witness or Witnesses; the said several Sums to be recovered by the Party so grieved against the Offender or Offenders, by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint, or Information in any of Their Majesties Courts of Record in this Province, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law to be allowed.

Pass'd 10 May, 1692.

To His most Excellent MAJESTY.

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Dread Sovereign,

FROM the Sincerity of our Humble and Loyal Hearts, we offer to Your Sacred Person our most Dutiful and Sincere Thanks for Your Royal Care and Protection to us, for Your Majesty's Princely Zeal and Pious Care of our Mother the Church of *England*, and extending Your Royal Benediction to our Neighbouring Colony, Your Majesty's Subjects and Territory of *Virginia*, in Your Gracious Grant and Charter for the Propagation of the College, or Place of Universal Study, in that Your Majesty's said Colony: In humble Contemplation whereof, and being excited by his present Excellency *Francis Nicholson* Esq; Your Majesty's Governor of this Your Province, his Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, pious Endeavours, and generous Offers, for the Propagation of Christianity and good Learning herein; we become humble Suitors to Your most Sacred Majesty to extend Your Royal Grace and Favour to us Your Majesty's Subjects, represented in this Your Majesty's General Assembly thereof, that it may be Enacted; And may it be Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice, Prayer, and Consent of this present General Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the Education of the Youth of this Province in good Letters and Manners, a certain Place or Places for a Free School or Schools, or Places of Study, of Latin, Greek, Writing, and the like, consisting of One Master, One Usher, and One Writing-Master or Scribe to a School, and One hundred Scholars, more or less, according to the Ability of the said Free School, may be made, erected, founded, propagated, and established, under Your Royal Patronage; And that the most Reverend Father in God, *Thomas*, by Divine Providence, Lord Archbishop of *Canterbury*, Primate and Metropolitan of all *England*, may be Chancellor of the said Schools; and that to perpetuate the Memory of Your Majesty, it may be called *King William's School*, and managed by certain Trustees, to be chosen and appointed by Your Sacred Majesty; (to wit) as also by the following Trustees, nominated and appointed by this present General Assembly (that is to say) by Your Majesty's said Governor *Francis Nicholson* Esq; the Honourable Sir *Thomas Lawrence* Baronet, Colonel *George Robotham*, Colonel *Charles Hutchins*, Colonel *John Addison* of Your Majesty's Honourable Council of this Province; the Reverend Divine Mr. *Peregrine Cony*, and Mr. *John Hewett*, together with *Robert Smith*, *Kenelm Cheseldyne*, *Henry Coursey*, *Edward Dorsey*, *Thomas Ennalls*, *Thomas Taskers*, *Francis Jenkins*, *William Dent*, *Thomas Smith*, *Edward Boothby*,